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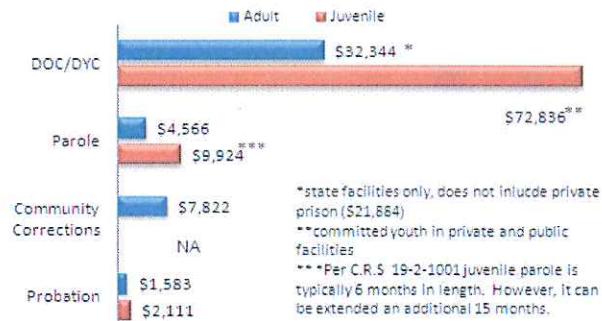
Dollars and Sense of Probation

Probation provides an opportunity for an offender to remain in the community with supervision and specific conditions. Many probationers support themselves and their families, contribute taxes, pay restitution and have access to a greater variety of treatment, education and training options than those offenders who are incarcerated.

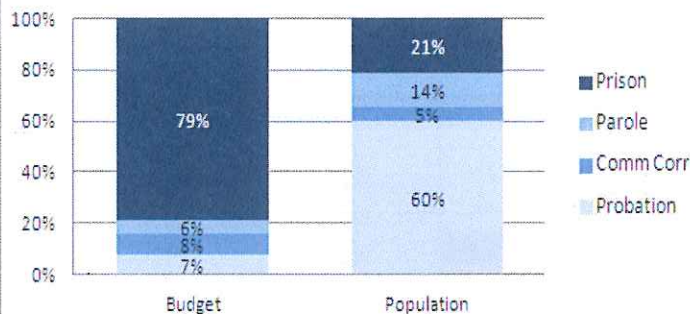
The cost of corrections is directly related to the level of containment of each sentencing option.

As Probation is community based and the least restrictive, it is also the least expensive option.

**Annual Cost of Sentencing Options
Per Offender FY2012**



**Adult Corrections Population Compared to
General Fund Allocation for FY2012**



**Juvenile Corrections Population Compared to
General Fund Allocation for FY2012**



**PROBATION IS A
COST EFFECTIVE
UTILIZATION OF
TAXPAYER DOLLARS.**

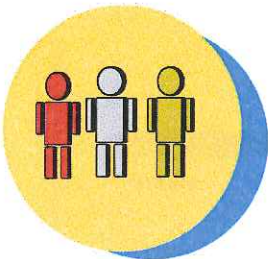
Each of the correctional agencies receives funding as determined by the legislature. General fund budget appropriations are distributed as shown in these charts (other dollars may be available through grants, cash funds, etc.). Correctional agencies also receive funding for treatment and other services for offenders, either in place of incarceration, during incarceration or to prepare for and assist in re-entry after incarceration.



Colorado Probation Fact Sheet

Fiscal Year 2012

Colorado Probation is an important piece in the criminal justice system. It provides the court and the community with an alternative to incarceration for adults and juveniles who commit crimes.



3 out of 4

successfully complete probation
(75% includes regular, private and intensive)



\$8 million

in fees and surcharges were collected
and used to assist probationers with
court ordered treatment and services.



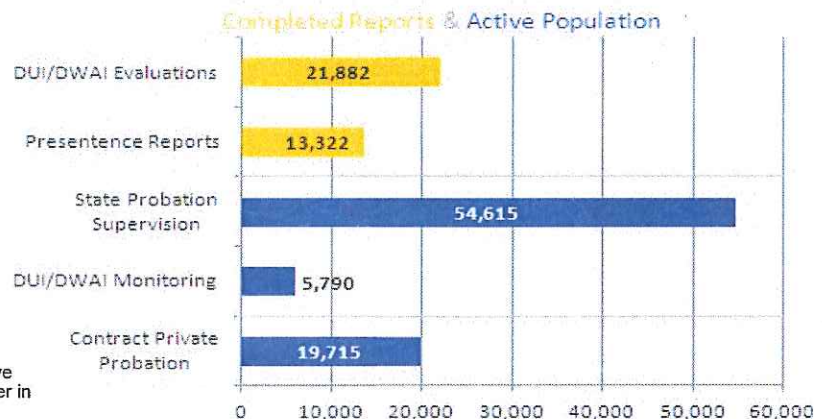
\$25.3 million

in restitution was collected and
distributed to victims. An additional
\$29.2 million was collected for victim
assistance and compensation.

Probation Population



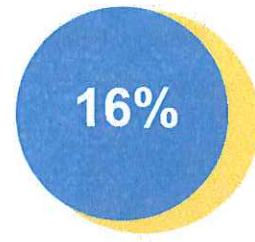
Probation staff are state employees and work under the administrative authority of the Judicial District's Chief Judge and Chief Probation Officer in each of the 22 judicial districts.



Probation officers must hold a Bachelor's degree and complete the academy and annual training



17,533 victims of crime were notified by probation staff of their rights as designated in the Victim Rights Amendment enacted in 1993



16% of victims exercised their right to receive notification of critical probation events under the Victim Rights Amendment

Division of Probation Services

DPS, which operates within SCAO, works with the probation departments to employ assessments and case management strategies in accordance with policy. DPS develops and publishes guidelines and standards for regular probation and all intensive programs. Within the limits of statute and these state standards, each district may develop and structure programs that address the needs of the local court and the community.